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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: Secretary of State Rice's European Trip

On December 8 the conservative Stockholm morning daily "Svenska Dagbladet" opined that "The end does not justify all means."

"Ghost prisoners transported to secret prisons by CIA flights. Allegations of torture and allegations that prisoners are being transported to states where torture is not a crime. President George W. Bush's repeated assurances that everything is done correctly have not gained credence, not least against the background of the Iraq prison scandal and the treatment of the Guantanamo detainees....

"It is excellent that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice yesterday on her European trip yesterday stated that the ban on using unauthorized interrogation methods applies regardless whether the questioning is taking place in Europe or in any other place. This is the answer to the criticism that has been prevalent in Europe as well as in the U.S. The question is what it means in practice?...

"After the Presidential elections Bush was a victor but now he appears like a loser. Confidence in him is low

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among the public, and there is not much left of his ambitious domestic agenda....

A 16-nation survey published earlier this year, showed that the dictatorship China was more popular than the democratic United States. This is absurd.

To take care of the dirty laundry and to act as the prime guardian of liberty might give President Bush a fresh start. This also would increase his chances of becoming successful in Iraq: the issue that has dominated George W. Bush's presidency and which will decide his political legacy.
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